and schemes of the concerned organizations as well as access to information pertaining to the status of individual cases.

(iii) The Freedom of Information Bill, 2000 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 25 July, 2000.

(iv) Information Technology is being used in the functioning of the Government for improving administrative efficiency as well as hassle-free services to citizen.

Vacancies for Direct Recruitment

2732. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies earmarked for direct recruitment in the year 2000-2001 in Group A, B, C & D cadres in various departments of the Government of India;

(b) the number of vacancies that were filled up by direct recruitment during the year; and

(c) how many of the vacancies out of the above were abolished as per the directive by the Minister of Finance, Department of Expenditure (Group-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The number of vacancies earmarked for Direct Recruitment in Group A,B,C and D cadres in various Departments of Union Government, the number of Direct Recruitment vacancies filled during the year and the number of posts abolished are not centrally maintained.

Figures are however, available of consolidated vacancies (for both Direct Recruitment as well as promotion) for the year 1999-2000.

Details of the Group-wise vacancies as on 1.3.2000 as mentioned in the Brochure on Pay and Allowances of Central Government Civilian Employees are set out below:

Group	Number of sanctioned posts	Number of incumbents in position	Number of vacant posts
1	2	3	4
A(G)*	87883	78258	9625
B(G)	126854	114230	12624
B(NG)	90119	80853	9266
C(NG)	2653291	2434244	219047
D(NG)	1190123	1125732	64391
Unclassified	23761	21999	1762
Total:	4172031	3855316	316715

* includes some non-Gazetted posts also.

Implementation of Suggestions of CVC

†2733. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Ministry can overlook the findings/recommendations of the Central Vigilance Commission having been made after investigation into the irregularities prevailing/committed in an instrumentality that the departmental proceedings may identifying the guilty officials be initiated;

(b) if so, the details of the provisions thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of the defaulting Ministries?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.